

## [APPENDIX C.]

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### ESSAY

*Read before the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina,  
at the Annual Meeting in Wilmington, May 25th, 1870;*

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*Mr. President:*

During each of its annual meetings, for the last three years, this Society has honored me with a request to report upon the Topography and Prevailing Diseases of New Hanover County. The laborious duties incident to an arduous country practice, conjoined with those constant interruptions and sacrifices, which since the late war, more than ever, attend the life of the true Physician and Surgeon of this war-stricken Southern land, have prevented my response to this generous call. And even now, the continuance of these demands upon me enforce the conviction that I can only hope to perform the task assigned me in a manner incomplete and unsatisfactory to myself. To remain longer silent, however, with the invitation still extended, would argue, what I cannot acknowledge—either insensibility to duty on my part, or an indifference to the high claims of the medical profession upon the members of this Association to contribute, each his mite, to that medical fabric, broad, strong and enduring, which the Society has been building up